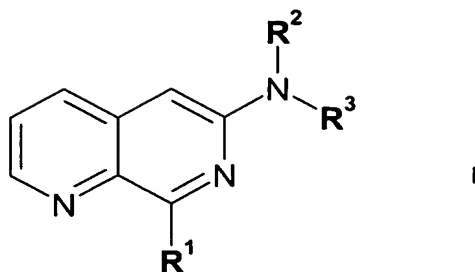


Abstract

Compounds of formula I



in free or salt form, wherein R¹, R² and R³ have the meanings as indicated in the specification, are useful for treating conditions mediated by of phosphodiesterase type 4 or the down-regulation or inhibition of TNF- α release, particularly obstructive or inflammatory airways diseases. Pharmaceutical compositions that contain the compounds and processes for preparing the compounds are also described.